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have a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...public power underpricing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, time, but your light is next so you may continue if you wish.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. You can't have a public utility underpricing a private provider and keep a competitive environment, I think is what you're telling me.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: But you could, for example, have a public provider provide that service at a market price but, instead of having to contribute all the funding, all the money they receive above some calculated cost, you could have them keep half of that, for example, so that they would be encouraged to provide dark fiber other places, other situations. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, I'm going to declare victory there and stop, but thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, are you...are you through, Senator Raikes? Senator Raikes. Senator Bromm, there are no further lights on. Seeing no further lights for discussion for the committee amendments, Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close if you wish to.

SENATOR BROMM: Well, Senator Cudaback, I think I'll...I'll make a very short closing and then we'll see if there's further discussion and perhaps do a closing on the bill. But we've...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you closing, Sen...you are closing, Senator.

SENATOR BROMM: I'm not waiving it. I'm just going to shorten